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FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3656

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EAP FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD  
HA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK

E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: PHUM, PREL, CH  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED DECISION TO PROSECUTE WEI JINGSHENG  
FOR TREASON

1. UPON LEARNING OF MAY 16 UPI REPORT BY NICK DRIVER  
ALLEGING THAT CHINA IS PREPARING TO PROSECUTE WEI  
JINGSHENG ON TREASON CHARGES FOR ASKING FOR U.S.  
GOVERNMENT HELP IN PRESSURING CHINA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
IMPROVEMENTS, DCM CALLED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZHANG YISHAN TO SEEK  
CLARIFICATION OF WEI STATUS. ZHANG REPLIED THAT HE HAD  
NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS REPORT BUT SAID HE WOULD

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LET THE DCM KNOW IF HE LEARNED ANYTHING. HE ALSO NOTED  
A TENDENCY, IN HIS VIEW, OF REPORTERS TO READ TOO MUCH  
INTO THINGS THEY MIGHT HEAR.

2. AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY SOUGHT TO CONTACT ASSISTANT  
MINISTER QIN HUASUN BUT QIN HAD ALREADY LEFT THE OFFICE  
FOR THE DAY. AMBASSADOR WILL TRY TO CONTACT QIN  
TOMORROW AND SEEK CLARIFICATION OF WEI'S STATUS.  
ROY

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